THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING MICRO-ORGANISMS

AND SUPPORT USED IN SAID METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 8, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Director of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003, for 1 month from December 9, 2003, to January 9, 2004.

A Credit Card Payment Form to cover the cost of the extension is attached. Please charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-1258. Two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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